

Amendments to the Abstract

Please **add** the following Abstract to this application.

-- The process is characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

- segmentation of the sequence into alternating video shots,
- classification of these shots according to camera angles in order to obtain classes,
- construction of a sprite or video object plane for a class that is an image corresponding to the background relating to this class,
- grouping of at least two sprites onto the same sprite or video object plane, in order to form an image called large sprite,
- extraction, for the shots corresponding to the large sprite, of image foreground objects from the sequence relating to these shots,
- separate encoding of the large sprite and of the extracted foreground objects.

Application to the transmission and to the storage of video data.--